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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Any documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. Items of information A1, A2 and A3 are U.S. patents that is a counterpart to item of information A13. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§609).

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued February 8, 2005 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

“Note
(for the cited literature, see the List of Cited Literature)

(With regards to Claims 1–6, 10–16, 20, 22, 24, and 26)
Cited Literature 1 and 2

Cited Literature 1 describes an information search method (system) wherein an information server system that can communicate with multiple movable information search client terminals receives information requests from the multiple movable information search client terminals; the information search client terminal sends the location information of the terminal obtained by GPS and the attribution information of the terminal user to the information server; and the information server selects the information that is applicable to the selection conditions by referring to the selection condition table for the information based on the location of the terminal and attribution information of the terminal user, edits the content of the selected information, and then distributes it to the information search client terminal.

Cited Literature 2 describes an information search distribution method and system that allows the searching and distribution of appropriate information depending on information from a radio communication terminal such as the location, moving speed, and moving direction, and therefore a structure in which content is selected and sent based on information on the location, moving speed, and moving direction of the terminal, instead of on the current location information of the terminal in the invention according to

Cited Literature 1 is within the range of that which a person skilled in the art could easily arrive at.

(With regard to Claims 7, 17, 25, and 28)
Cited Literature 1 through 3

Cited Literature 3 discloses a mobile object activity management system that allows analysis and management of the activities of the mobile object (holding time, etc.) by receiving identification and location information from the mobile object and periodically accumulating the location information of the mobile object and sends the analysis information to monitoring terminals, etc. A person skilled in the art could have easily arrived at a structure for an analysis of the activity of a mobile terminal using a monitoring terminal in the invention according to Cited Literature 1.

In addition, the structure in which the information selection condition table can be modified from the management terminal such as for the monitoring terminal is within the range of that which a person skilled in the art could have easily arrived at.

(With regard to Claims 9 and 21)
Cited Literature 1, 2, and 4

In Cited Literature 1, language that is used by the user on a daily basis, favorite news genre, birth date, etc. are given as examples of user attributes. However, in the technical field of information filtering, age and sex are a publicly known and commonly used method for user attribution used for the selection condition of information (for example, see Literature 4), and therefore the employment of these user attributes in the invention stipulated in Cited Literature 1 is a mere design issue that could be appropriately selected by a person skilled in the art.

(With regard to Claims 8, 19, 23, and 27)
Cited Literature 1-3 and 5

Cited Literature 5 discloses an information system in which the location information of the user's mobile terminal (information that the user was in a specific area in the past) and the usage form of the information service by the user are read from the log information and analyzed, and then the user's taste is analyzed based on the analysis results to be effectively used to provide information to the user.

If any new reasons for rejection are found, notification will be made of the reasons for rejection.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H09-305518
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-187667
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Applicant’s statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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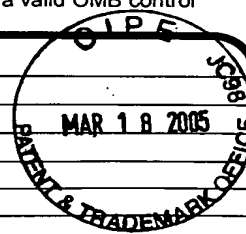
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